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Subject: Draft Review Schedule for Pebble PFEIS

Attachments: Pre-FEIS Review Schedule.xlsx

## Hello all,

At last Wednesday's bi-weekly Career Leadership check-in, Region 10 NEPA staff presented the attached proposed draft schedule for internal review of EPA's comments on the Preliminary Final EIS. It is our understanding that the Corps will be requesting detailed technical comments in table format, similar to what was submitted on the Preliminary Draft EIS. The review period will be 45 days, and includes one week of technical meetings in the middle of the review period. This draft schedule is similar to the process used for review and approval of EPA's Pre-DEIS comments, although it currently includes two briefings for Career Leadership on key issues as well as a two-day "awareness level" HQ review of the complete comment table prior to submitting to the Corps. The Regional NEPA program would appreciate hearing input from HQ during the briefings, as the HQ review of the complete comment table is scheduled close to the end of the comment period. The NEPA program does not anticipate receiving track change edits on the detailed technical comments during this "awareness review."

OFA has indicated that they are not planning to review the Region's comments. OGC raised the issue of HQ review of the Region's PFEIS comments at last week's OGC front office meeting. Before weighing in, David and Matt asked to see a copy of R10's comments on the preliminary draft EIS so they can get a sense of format and content. The NEPA program has provided those technical comment tables to OGC.

Since not all Office Directors were able to attend Wednesday's meeting, we are requesting feedback on the proposed schedule by **Friday**, **January 31** via email, with a goal of having an agreed-upon plan in place prior to release of the PFEIS on February 7. Please let us know if this approach will work for your office, or if you would like an additional meeting scheduled to discuss.

Thanks,

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